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Application No: 10/829,252
Attorney's Docket No: ALC 3131REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application of which claims 1 and 9 are independent. Applicant hereby amends claims 1 and 9.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,546,393 to Khan (hereinafter "Khan"). Applicant respectfully traverses the above rejections for at least the reasons set forth below.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejects claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Khan. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Applicant respectfully submits that Khan fails to disclose, teach, or suggest the subject matter according to the combinations recited in independent claims 1 and 9.

Claims 1 and 9 recite "each bookmark being associated with a telecommunication network object, the telecommunication network object being selected from the list consisting of network elements, groups of network elements, line cards, and ports." This subject matter relates to physical equipment arranged within a hierarchical telecommunication network, namely network elements, groups of network elements, line cards, and ports. See paragraph [02]. A network object is a piece of hardware that is used to perform a telecommunications service function. By adding a bookmark to a particular network object, the system allows a user to easily locate a desired network object without navigating through several layers of the network map. See paragraphs [02], [04].

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Applicant respectfully submits that Khan does not disclose, teach, or suggest this subject matter. The system of Khan relates to "internet website directories and more particularly to dynamically user generated internet search directories based on prioritized server-sided user bookmarks." See col. 1, ln. 9-12. The specification and figures of Khan repeatedly refer to "websites," "browsers," "links," "World Wide Web," "Internet Explorer," "Netscape," etc. and do not state that the system applies to physical network objects. See, e.g., col. 1, ln. 15-65; FIGS. 3, 19, 20. Moreover, Khan includes no disclosure whatsoever that its bookmarks are used to denote the location of physical equipment, including network elements, groups of network elements, line cards, or ports. Accordingly, the bookmarks in Khan are associated solely with URLs of websites and are not associated with telecommunication network objects, selected from the list consisting of network elements, groups of network elements, line cards, and ports. Khan therefore does not disclose, teach, or suggest "each bookmark being associated with a telecommunication network object, the telecommunication network object being selected from the list consisting of network elements, groups of network elements, line cards, and ports."

At least by virtue of the failure of Khan to disclose, teach, or suggest the above quoted subject matter according to the combinations recited in claims 1 and 9, the Office Action has failed to meet the standard of anticipation under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Claims 2-8 depend from allowable claim 1 and are allowable over Khan at least by virtue of their dependencies. Claims 10-16 depend from allowable claim 9 and are also allowable over Khan at least by virtue of their dependencies.

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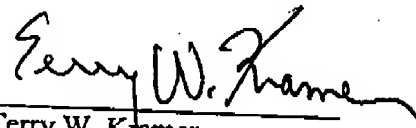
For at least the forgoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-16 as allegedly being anticipated by Khan be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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